

REMARKS

Claims 10 to 29 are pending in the case. The Applicants have amended Claim 10, 26 and 29 to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as their invention. Moreover, the Applicants have cancelled Claims 11-15, without prejudice. Support for the present amendments is found throughout the specification and claims, as originally filed. No new matter has been added and no additional claims fees are believed to be due. The Applicants strongly believe that the present amendments, when interpreted in light of the below arguments, have placed the present application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, timely and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected Claim 10 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the phrase "from about 0.5% by weight, of a suds booster" renders the aforementioned claim indefinite because it does not actually disclose the specific upper limit of the range. The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the "Amendments" section of the instant paper, in which the Applicants have amended Claim 10, to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicants regard as their invention. Support for the present amendment is found at page 2 of the present specification, and particularly in the second paragraph under the "Summary of Invention" section. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to Claim 10 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, are therefore respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 USC § 102(a) over Vinson

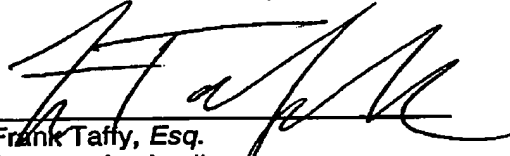
The Examiner has rejected Claims 10-29 under 35 USC § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by US Patent Number 5,990,065 to Vinson, et al. (hereinafter "Vinson"). Specifically, the Examiner asserts that Vinson discloses a liquid dishwashing detergent composition comprising from 0.001% to 2% by weight, of an amylase enzyme and from about 0.5% by weight, of a suds booster, wherein said composition has a pH greater than 8. The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the "Amendments" section of the instant paper, in which the Applicants have amended Claims 10, 26 and 29, from which Claims 11-25 and 27-28 ultimately depend. Moreover, the Applicants have cancelled Claims 11-15, without prejudice. Indeed, the Applicants reserve their rights to reinstate the subject matter of Claims 11-15 during the pendency of the present application. Support for the present amendments is found throughout the specification and claims, as originally filed. With regard to Claim 29, the Applicants respectfully submit that Vinson fails to teach or suggest a method of removing greasy soil from dishware using a composition comprising from 2.1% to 5% amylase and at least about 0.5% of a suds booster, wherein the composition is further characterized by a pH of greater than 8. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to Claims 10-29 under 35 USC § 102(a) is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Attached hereto is a "Version With Markings To Indicate Changes Made." Applicants have made an earnest effort to place the present claims in condition for allowance. WHEREFORE, entry of the amendments provided herewith, reconsideration of the claims as amended in light of the Remarks provided, withdrawal of the claims rejections, and allowance of Claims 10 and 16-29, as amended, are respectfully requested. In the event that issues remain prior to allowance of the noted claims, then the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues.

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10. A liquid dishwashing detergent composition comprising:
- c) from ~~0.0001%~~2.1% to 5% by weight, of an amylase enzyme; and
 - d) ~~from at least~~ about 0.5% by weight, of a suds booster;
- wherein said composition has a pH greater than 8.
26. A liquid dishwashing detergent composition comprising:
- d) from ~~0.0001%~~2.1% to 5% by weight, of an amylase enzyme;
 - e) from about 5% to about 90% by weight, of a surfactant;
 - f) from about 0.1% to about 15% by weight, of a diamine wherein the pK_1 and pK_2 of each diamine is from about 8 to about 11.5;
- wherein said composition has a pH greater than about 8.
29. A method for ~~cleaning~~removing greasy soil from dishware comprising the step of contacting dishware in need of cleaning with a composition comprising:
- c) from ~~0.0001%~~2.1% to 5% by weight, of an amylase enzyme; and
 - d) ~~from about~~at least about 0.5% by weight, of a suds booster;
- wherein said composition has a pH greater than 8 and further wherein said composition is effective in removing greasy soil from dishware.